

HOUSE RESOLUTION 162

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A RESOLUTION to recognize the *Tennessee Cooperator* upon the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, the *Tennessee Cooperator* was first published by the Tennessee Farmers Cooperative (TFC) in May of 1959 and has been the voice of TFC and its member Co-ops for the past fifty years and more than 520 issues; and

WHEREAS, this notable anniversary provides us with the opportunity to reflect upon the vital role the *Cooperator* plays in the farming community through its presentation of a positive message about the state's agricultural industry and its celebration of the uniqueness of the people and places of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, throughout its history, the *Tennessee Cooperator* has strengthened and unified the Tennessee Co-op system, which was established as a federated cooperative in 1945; and

WHEREAS, sent free of charge eleven times a year to nearly 100,000 Co-op members, customers, and affiliates, the *Cooperator* continues to provide farmers with a vital communication link to their Co-ops and a source of information about production practices and agricultural industry; and

WHEREAS, an irreplaceable historical record of Tennessee agriculture and the Co-op system, the *Cooperator* keeps producers informed of new trends, practices, products, and technology in an effort to help them succeed in their farming operations, helps to educate the public about cooperative philosophy and principles, and connects readers through shared experiences, common values, and rural heritage; and

WHEREAS, one of the cornerstones of Tennessee's farming community, the *Tennessee Cooperator* recognizes the achievements of the State's farmers and agricultural leaders,

promotes agricultural youth activities to help ensure the future of farming and the Co-op system, and creates a sense of community among the diverse farming regions of East, Middle, and West Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, for the past fifty years, the *Tennessee Cooperator* has been ably led by five editors: John Holt, from 1959 to 1966, Virgil Yarbrough, from 1966 to 1969, Dick Bailey from 1969 to 1972, Jerry Kirk from 1972 to 2001, and Allison Morgan from 2001 to the present; and

WHEREAS, the *Tennessee Cooperator* has celebrated, instructed, and strengthened the agricultural community of Tennessee, and it is fitting that we honor this outstanding publication for fifty years of meritorious service; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we recognize the *Tennessee Cooperator* upon the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary, commend the editors and staff of the newspaper who have endeavored throughout the years to produce an informative, well written publication, and extend to them our thanks for all that they have accomplished on behalf of the farmers of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.